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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Setback violations may have been built with subdivision

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Of three Miller Springs Subdivision properties applying for a variance from the Board of Adjustment Tuesday night, two involved properties in which the house or deck reportedly extended past the allowable setback when it was first built.

Rose Mary Newton, 102 Ruth Lane, requested a 2.5-foot variance for an existing porch. Newton told the BOA that when she was considering building an enclosed deck onto her house, she discovered the existing porch extended 2.5 feet into the 25-foot rear-yard setback.

hadn't been aware of the violation when she bought Franklin Hibbs, who attended the meeting, asked

"I bought it like this," Newton said, stating she

if the violation goes to the real estate developer. "She has acquired the violation," Joint City-County Planning Commission Director Janet Johnston-Crowe said. "She has legal recourse against the previous owner."

The BOA voted 3-0, with newly sworn-in mem-

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Bardstown up for 'Best **Small Town in America'**

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Several small metropolises around the nation are in the race to be dubbed the "Best Small Town in

It's a part of the "2012 Best Small Towns in Rand McNally, a publish-

America" contest, organized by USA Today and ing company in Skokie, Ill.

Winners would be printed in USA Today, as well

as the Rand McNally atlas, which Nelson County See **BEST**, page A2



A Lesson in Wood



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The five students in Jeff Steinsberger's advanced cabinetmaking class at the Nelson County Area Technology Center pose beside 24 of the 28 lockers they built out of solid oak for the Nelson County High School softball team's locker room. Pictured are, from left, sophomore C.R. Lyvers, senior Eric Greenwell, Junior Roy Weller, senior Austin Kappell and senior Robby Lewis.

Cabinetmaking class builds softball lockers

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When Robby Lewis took his first woodworking class at the Nelson County Area Technology Center as a freshman, he wasn't sure he liked it much.

"It was a lot of class work, a lot of book work," remembered Lewis, now a senior. "But when I got out in the shop, I loved it."

Only a few months shy of graduating, Lewis is now in his eighth woodworking class in four years, and hopes that class and its instructor, Jeff Steinsberger, can help maneuver him into a career working with

"I've always dreamed of becoming a cabinet maker," Lewis said. "I love this class. I'm just working with my hands constantly. I love working with wood and constructing things for other people."

On the Thursday before Spring Break,

Lewis and his four classmates were hard at work on their latest project: the construction of 28 lockers for the Nelson County High School softball team. Junior Roy Weller, senior Eric Greenwell, senior Austin Kappell and sophomore C.R. Lyvers helped with the project.

"They're actually collegiate-style lockers, like the pros would have. They're all built out of solid oak with a golden oak stain on it," Steinsberger said.

It has taken Steinsberger's advanced cabinetmaking class about two months to complete the project, which supplies the softball team with lockers for the first time since its new locker room was completed in spring

"They are beautiful," head softball coach Chris Mattingly said of the students' handiwork. With those lockers in place, "we've probably got the nicest building on campus."

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Eric Greenwell finishes one of the last of 28 lockers a cabinetry class built out of solid oak for the Nelson **County High School soft**ball team's locker room.

IMPACTING A COMMUNITY: How prescription pills affect the addict, those around her

This article is the second in a three-part series exploring the growing epidemic of prescription pill abuse and addiction in Nelson County and Kentucky. This series follows the story of a recovering addict, who asked to remain anonymous under an assumed name for this series, and explores broader trends contributing to pill abuse through three stages: in Friday's paper, "A growing addiction," in today's paper, "Impacting a community," and on Wednesday, "The path to recovery.'

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As her addiction to prescription painkillers deepened, "Ashley" began to take medication from her family even as she became more emotionally distant from

"At first I was in denial. I thought, 'I've got this under

control. I can handle it. I'm just really hurting bad," she remembered.

By that time her son was around 6 years old.

"I was never neglectful to my child, but I was inattentive," she said. "I was making sure that he was fed and had clean clothes and things of that nature, but I wasn't spending quality time with

Her husband believed that she was using the pills to manage the pain caused by her endometriosis, but he didn't know how many she was taking. He only began to suspect when she started spending more and more money to support her habit.

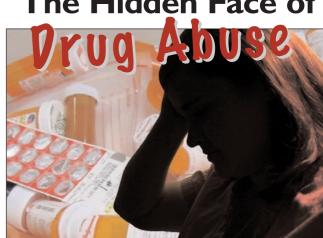
"He was giving me money and the bills weren't getting paid, because I was taking the money and going and buying the drugs off the street," Ashley said. "By the end, everybody knew, even him, that I had a problem."

Prescription pill addiction not only impacts the individual user — it impacts her family, her friends, and her

Nelson County health professionals say the impact of prescription pills on the community has become more visible in the last few

"It's just so prevalent right now, especially this last year," Flaget Memorial Hospital Emergency Room Director Laura LaRue said. "There's just such an increase in the pain management medications."

Nelson Emergency Medical Services Director Joe Prewitt said it's hard for his staff to know for certain whether an overdose has occurred or what drugs are The Hidden Face of



involved when they're treating patients in an emergency.

"Our situation is that we don't have a real clear deter-See ADDICT, page A5

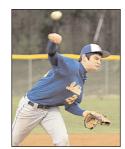
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Bethlehem baseball -Eagles hope to wing their way to a district crown.

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Bardstown resident Darleene Wimsett has spent nearly two decades on a UK quilt that celebrates the program and the players. » A13

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Woman also suspected after marijuana bust

A second person is suspected in trafficking marijuana after the search of a Bloomfield residence March 28 resulted in the arrest of Patrick Glenn "Pat"

Culver, 22, was indicted in Nelson Circuit Court Wednesday along with Kayla N. Kelly, 19. Both have listed addresses at 5636 Yates Cooney Neck Road south of Bloomfield, where the drugs were allegedly discovered.



Culver

firearm while committing an offense, and possession of drug paraphernalia and complicity to the same. Culver was indicted on additional charges: two counts of trafficking in marijuana



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20, 2011. Each suspected of possessing a 9-mm pistol when the Greater Hardin County Narcotics Task

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April 13 and

rant at the residence. Police reported at the time they allegedly found two firearms and one pound of

Force executed a search war-

marijuana during

Culver's bail was set at \$20,000 cash only, plus conditions. Kelly's was set at \$9,500 cash only, plus conditions. Arraignment for both is set for 1 p.m. April

Note: The indictment of a person by a grand jury or otherwise is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty



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Economic Development Agency President Kim Huston sees as the greatest prize of all.

"Being printed in both of those publications would be a huge honor," Huston said. "It's an incredible opportunity."

According to its Web site, Rand McNally and USA Today teamed up to create a community of travelers who review America's best highways and byways, from small towns to points of interests. Each year Rand McNally and USA Today collect votes on small towns they should visit. People can vote once every 24 hours. Voting will end on May 15.

The contest is broken into five categories: friendliest, most beautiful, most fun, most patriotic and best for food.

Currently, Bardstown is in the lead with a culmination of 112 votes. It's leading the pack in friendliest category with 37 votes and most beautiful category

with 62 votes. It has six votes in the best for food category and is in third

In the most fun category, Bardstown has seven votes and, at press time, is in fourth place.

Huston said she's really rooting for a win in this section because it will attract the most people to town to divulge in the mass amount of events the area has to offer.

"(Bardstown and Nelson County has) over 40 events in a year's time," she said. "Every month there's something to do and there's something for everybody."

She noted that the high amount of tourists coming in for those occasions would also have a trickle down effect on Nelson County's economy, since many of those tourists would be spending money at restaurants, hotels, etc.

Any town is eligible to compete in the contest. All it takes to enter is to register at www.bestofroad.com. Once registered, people can write about their favorite town and upload photos from their travels.

Man indicted for endangerment, leaving accident scene

An 18-year-old faces charges of first-degree wanton endangerment and leaving the scene of an accident after allegedly causing a car wreck by jerking the steering wheel.

Nashon Dequez Williams, Bardstown, was indicted in Nelson Circuit Court Wednesday and ordered not to communicate with the alleged victim.

Police reported that on in the early morning hours of March 6, Kelsey Nichols, 19, Bardstown, was driving

Saturn fourdoor on KY near Pottershop Loop when

her passeng e r , Williams, who was also

exboyfriend, jerked the steering wheel, causing the vehicle to crash.

Nashon D.

Williams

The car landed on its side and Williams allegedly left Nichols at the scene.

Nichols suffered head lac-

erations and was transported to Flaget Memorial Hospital once Nelson County EMS arrived. The indictment accuses

Williams of "leaving the scene of an accident without stopping to ascertain the extent of injury or damage and to render reasonable assistance."

Williams' bail was set at \$9,500 cash only, plus conditions. Arraignment is set for 1 p.m. April 19.

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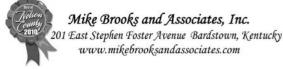
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>> Cabinets

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Providing the team with a place to keep their things safely was a big priority for the program. Mattingly looked into buying metal lockers, which would have cost quite a bit more for about half the number of lockers the cabinetmaking class eventually built.

"I had actually looked into possibly getting lockers from the old Old Kentucky Home Middle School," Mattingly said, "but we really wanted to get something to kind of set the tone for our program."

Ultimately, the team's booster club provided the funds to build the lockers for just the price of the materials.

Steinsberger's class was

happy to provide the labor.

We would never have been able to afford a project like this," Steinsberger said. As long as the class has materials to work with, it's more than happy to help out the community.

Watching a project of this magnitude develop into useful, beautiful pieces is the reward for Weller.

"It's awesome to take just a pile of scrap lumber and turn it into something that looks like this," Weller said, looking at the final four cabinets on which his classmates were applying the finishing touches in the area technology center's large workshop. Lewis said he would like to take on a practicum next year, attend state competition, and eventually go into woodworking.

"It's just a cool feeling to see someone sit back — like the team — look at it and to

know, 'Hey, I had a hand in building it," Weller said.

Lewis, too, often finds his reward in the satisfaction of others.

"I made a gigantic chest for my grandmother and she absolutely loved it. It was the biggest chest I've ever seen, but it was also the best project I've ever made," he said. Learning skills such as

cabinetmaking can also give

students a step up toward

their first careers, Steinsberger said. "All the programs here at the vocational center are career-oriented," he said. Students work to get a Woodworker's Career Alliance certification, and

The advanced cabinetmaking class seems to be a prime example of what learning hands-on skills can

He owns the land on either

side. It seems reasonable to

getting more kids certified is

one of Steinsberger's goals.

help students accomplish.

Three of them are seniors this year and two of them are going into the cabinetmaking trade, and I'm working with some of the local cabinetmaking businesses here working to get these guys Steinsberger said.

The class also seems to have inspired a strong work ethic in the five students.

"I couldn't be more impressed with what I feel they've been learning this year, and mainly just their work ethic and attitude to come in and work every day," Steinsberger said. "They came in two Saturdays over the last two months just on their own to come in and work on these lockers, just because we were on a deadline for the softball season. ... I was shocked when you can get teenagers to come to school

on a Saturday on their own."

Advanced cabinetmaking is the first woodworking class Greenwell has taken.

"I'm taking it more for a fun class," he said, though the hands-on use of math might help him with his civil engineering studies at University of Kentucky next year. "I like to build things and I want to be able to do that later on."

Lewis had plans to attend state competition in woodworking, and he said he's excited to move on to a career. But moving on from the workshop he has come to know so well may be more difficult.

"I know these tools better than I know my friends," he laughed, looking around the brightly lit workshop. "I'm going to miss this."



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ber Kevin Rogers abstaining, to grant Newton the variance on the existing porch, but not on the new deck, which she said she could build without extending into the 25-foot setback.

"I think I love everybody here," Newton said after the According to Johnston-

Crowe, Miller Springs is a conservation design subdivision, which means 40 percent must remain green space but which also allows for a higher density of development.

When the plat for Miller Springs was approved in 2004, the planning commission granted the entire subdivision a 10-foot waiver from the usual 35-foot setback, according to Johnston-

Yet the second variance request before the BOA Tuesday night was for a property on which the house itself reportedly extended into the rear setback, with the back of the house 18.99 feet from the back of the lot, Johnston-Crowe said.

"Then a deck had been also added prior to him purchasing it, and it was only 12 feet from the rear line," she

Jason and Cynthia Cochran applied for a 6.01foot variance for their house at 209 Ruth Lane and a 12.65-foot variance to cover the existing porch, an effort

to direct rainwater away from their house, the basement of which occasionally

The BOA approved the request 3-0.

The Miller Springs Subdivision was developed by BRH Properties and built by PKC Construction, both of Bardstown. Johnston-Crowe said more violations may have been committed when the subdivision was built.

"It appears that there's more than just the two that are in violation, and the planning commission will be looking and investigating those other violations,' Johnston-Crowe said.

The third application from Miller Springs on Tuesday night did not involve a setback violation. Instead, James Keith and Catherine L. Gartland, 108 Lorenza Circle, requested a 4-foot variance from the 25foot rear-yard setback to add a room to their house. The room would be built on top of an existing 16-by-19-foot patio, which does not violate the setback because it is poured concrete.

"I don't see that it undermines the green space," BOA member Jesse Wheat said. "Any danger to the environment has already been done by that slab."

"The one major issue is precedent setting," Johnston-Crowe said. "Does that undermine the intent of the conservation preserva-

tion subdivision?" "He's asked for four feet to build an additional room.

with Wheat voting against me to grant that," said BOA member Margin Carpenter. and Rogers abstaining. Funeral Director/Embalmer Find Complete Obituaries.

The board approved the

request by a vote of 2-1,

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happened. The story is too tremendous and huge to be told in this announcement. Please consult your Bible or attend the Christian church of your choice for further details and information on this wondrous message and this truly remarkable man. Stay tuned, there is much more to come.

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First Cedar Creek Easter services

The First Cedar Creek Baptist Church adult choir will present "Savior, Jesus, Messiah" during the morning worship service at 11 a.m. April 8. This cantata celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. The First Cedar Creek Baptist Church choir is led by Stephen Sims. All are invited to attend these services and other activities of the church including Bible study for all age groups at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. For more information contact the pastor, Tim Lucas, at 348-3832. The First Cedar Creek Baptist Church is 5 miles west of Bardstown off Boston Road on Bellwood Road (KY 733).

Botland Christian

Botland Christian Church Disciples of Christ, 5326 Springfield Road, will have Easter Sunrise service 6:30 a.m. April 8. Light breakfast will follow in the fellowship hall. Regular Sunday school will be at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

Cox's Creek Easter

In celebration of Easter Sunday, April 8, Cox's Creek Baptist Church will have a sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast to follow. For information, call 348-4974.

Bardstown City Council

Bardstown City Council will meet 7 p.m. April 10 in the Council Chambers. Items on the agenda include. First Reading(s) (1) B2012-04 -Beverages Alcoholic Ordinance Amendment (2) B2012-05 - Cable TV Multi-Room DVR and A. Street Name Change Requestproperty owned by Cees and Dees LLC-from Mainstream Blvd. to Lincoln Way.

American Legion Post 288 fish fry

The American Legion Post 288, Bloomfield, will have a fish fry 10:30 a.m. April 13. Have delivery orders in early at 252-9903.

Abraham Lincoln Post 167 Ladies Auxiliary

Abraham Lincoln Post 167 Ladies Auxiliary will have election of officers 3 p.m. April 14. All members are asked to be present.

Mill Creek spring revival

Mill Creek Baptist Church, 431 Poplar Flat Road, Bardstown, will have a spring revival April 15-18. Sunday night service will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the week's remaining services beginning at 7 p.m. Brother Mitch Ash of Rineyville Baptist Church will preach. For more information, call 348-5049.

First Baptist Church revival

First Baptist Church of Bardstown, 315 N. Second St., will have a revival 7 p.m. April 16-18. Evangelists will be the Rev. William Nelson, Monday, the Rev. Henry Nelson, Tuesday and the Rev. George Nelson, Wednesday. Any Wednesday night Bible study groups are welcome to attend. Child care is available each night.

KY Cloggers

The KY Cloggers will be starting new beginner classes April 23. Class registration will begin at 6 p.m., with classes beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 for a 10-week session, and run every Monday. Classes are at the National Guard Armory on Louisville Road, near the Goodwill store. Clogging shoes are not a requirement, tennis shoes. Registration for the new classes will run until April 30. For information, contact instructor, Angie Ford at (502) 460-4573.

First Christian dinner, auction

First Christian Church of Bardstown Disciples of Christ will have a dinner and auction April 28 at 175 E. John Rowan Blvd. Dinner will be 4-6:30 p.m. Tickets available: \$8 adults, \$5 for children (4-12), Children 3 and younger eat free. Families \$30. Silent auction

will begin at 4. Live auction will begin at 7. \$2 Raffle tickets are currently being sold by church members for an iPad 3 and a large flat screen television. Tickets are being sold by church members and will be sold on site that evening.

Threads of Hope

From Easter to Mother's Day, First Presbyterian Church is collecting items for Threads of Hope, a nonprofit Christian organization. These items will be taken to a sewing co-operative in Nicaragua. Any sewing items — from sewing machines, steam irons, any material except wool or flannel, craft supplies, scissors, etc., are needed. For more information, call the Church at 348 6076 or 349 1281.

APRIL

Blood drive

The American Legion, 202 W. Broadway, Bardstown, will have a blood drive noon-5 p.m. April 9.

Couponing class

A free couponing class is scheduled for 6 p.m. April 10 at the Nelson County Public Library, and is open to the public. You will learn the basics of shopping and saving hundreds on your groceries and keep your pantry stocked for a fraction of the price.

NAMI of Nelson County to meet

NAMI of Nelson County Support Group will meet 6:30 p.m. April 10 at First Christian Church for family and friends whose loved ones suffer with mental illness and brain disorders. The board meeting starts at 6 p.m. For more information, call Claudia Smith at 348-

Planning Commission

Pursuant to KRS Chapter 100, the Joint City-County Planning Commission of Nelson County will hold a public hearing (Agenda No. 430) 7:30 p.m. April 10 at Old Courthouse Building, Second Floor, One Court Square, Bardstown, to consider the following application: Application No.

2365 – Joseph S. And Julia A. Osborne have filed an application to rezone 0.22 acre at 112 Sylvan Drive (Lots No. 24 and 25, "Block B," Beechwold Subdivision) from R-1B (Single Family Residential District) to R-1C (Single Family Residential District). A copy of the application may be reviewed in the Planning Commission office at the Old Courthouse Building, 2nd Floor, One Court Square, Bardstown.

Girl Scout leader meeting

A Girl Scout leader meeting will be 6:30 p.m. April 11 at the Adult Learning Center on South Third Street in Bardstown. This meeting has been changed from its normal first Wednesday of the month due to a scheduling conflict. All Leaders and co-leaders are encouraged to attend for new information regarding events, trainings, organizing troops, etc. Leader meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Cox's Creek SBDM

Cox's Creek School-Based Decision Making Council will meet 4 p.m. April 12 in the school library.

Wild at Art

Nelson County Extension Office will have a spring break day camp for youth 9-14 years old 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 12. Bring a sack lunch. Cost is \$10. Make checks payable to Nelson County 4-H Council. Space is limited to 12, so register early. Deadline is April 10. For more information, call 348-

Relay for Life Texas Hold'em

The Cox's Creek Cancer Crusaders Relay for Life team will have a Texas Hold 'em and silent auction 6:30 p.m. April 14 at the Bloomfield Legion. The doors will open at 5:30. There will be concessions available. The buy in for the game is \$30, with \$20 to the pot and \$10 to relay for life. There will also be buybacks and add ons during the first hour of the game. A silent auction will be before the game and at the break and then will close before the game ends.

THE NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF **ELECTIONS WILL BE HOLDING THE** ABSENTEE VOTING MACHINES **INSPECTION ON APRIL 10, 2012 AT** 9:00 AM IN THE NELSON COUNTY SUTHERLAND BUILDING AT 113 E. STEPHEN FOSTER AVE. BARDSTOWN, KY Elaine Filiatreau

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>> BIRTHS

Bartley

Shawn McGee and Todd Bartley, both of Bardstown, announce the birth of a son, Layne Davis Bartley, March 30, 2012, at Flaget Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Jimmy and Patsy McGee, Bardstown. Paternal grandparents are Sheriff Tommy Bartley and Bonnie Bartley, both of Springfield. Great-grandparents are Lena McGee, Bardstown, and Josephine Slucher, Shelbyville.

The baby was welcomed home by a brother, Ayden Gilkey, 8, and a sister, Dannielle Gilkey, 12.

Filiatreau

Tricia and Nick Filiatreau, Loretto, announce the birth of a daughter, Pyper Anne, April 4, 2012, at Flaget Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Kevin and M.E. Ballard,

Bardstown, and Greg Miller, Loretto.

Paternal grandparents are Pat and Vickie Filiatreau, Bardstown. Great-grandfather is Kenneth Osbourn, Bardstown.

The baby was welcomed home by a sister, Marli, 2.

Grey

Tommy and Carrie Grey, Eastview, announce the birth of a daughter, Bianca Nicole, March 30, 2012, at Flaget Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19-3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Terry and Lisa Clark, Louisville. Paternal grandparents are Freddie and Frances Grey, White Mills.

The baby was welcomed home by a brother, Lincoln Thomas, 2.



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June 30, 2012 Dana Wheatley and Justin Tindle

July 13, 2012 Katie Wright and Jonathan Mattingly

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mination when we get to a patient that is not responding correctly or in an alternate level of consciousness ... whether they're [on] prescription drugs or illegal substances or in fact intoxicated," Prewitt said. Still, EMS runs with possible ties to drug use seem to be on the

"We see more overdoses, more patients with unknown altered levels of consciousness or unknown psychiatric dispositions ... in the last 18 months or so," Prewitt said.

Psychiatric problems among patients have also become more prevalent.

"We have more trips, more transfers from Flaget to psychiatric hospitals, which is all part of the same type of thing. When folks are coming off of prescription drugs ... then they become a mental situation," Prewitt said.

Studies of prescription drug abuse statewide echo Nelson County's problems, and have produced some staggering data.

The Kentucky State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup reported in 2011 December between 1999 and 2008, the number of people entering treatment programs who listed opioids as their primary substance increased from 1 per 10,000 people to 10 per 10,000 people — a 900 percent increase.

During that same period, drug overdose mortality increased 260 percent to 18 per 10,000 people — a 26 percent annual increase in Kentucky compared to 10 percent nationally.

The 2011 Kentucky Health Issues Poll reported that one in 16 adults had used a pain reliever they weren't prescribed for the experience or the feeling it caused on at least one occa-

sion. One in three adults had a friend or family member who had encountered problems because they abused prescription pain relievers. In a 2008-2009 study, Kentuckians of all age groups had higher rates of past-year illegal use of opioid analgesics than the U.S. as a whole.

In Kentucky, hydrocodone and oxycodone use have seen the steepest increases, according to KSEOW. But other prescription pills and drugs are also widespread. Bardstown Police Capt. Tom Roby points to pills such as Xanax, or alprazolam, while LaRue named downers such as Ativan, an anti-anxiety medication. There's even an over-the counter form of Xanax, Roby said.

Where one drug is found in a person's system, other drugs can often be found as

"What we see is a mixing of these drugs," said Van Ingram, executive director of the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy. "Most of the drug overdose deaths we see are not one drug in the system — they're a number of drugs in the system that interact with each other and lead to death."

Even children are getting their hands on prescription pills. LaRue has seen a spike in such cases in the ER.

"One of the things you always have to talk about with children is did they get into the medication," she said. "I've been doing this for 17 years and it's amazing that's one of the first thoughts now."

Prescription pills were perhaps the most common drug Nelson County Sheriff Stephen Campbell found in students' possession when he was a school resource officer posted at Nelson County High School.

"Every once in a while we'd get some marijuana," he said, "but nine times out of 10 it was prescription drugs."

Campbell believes they prevalent simply because they were available kids could find them in medicine cabinets at home, or would even share their own prescriptions.

Statewide data indicates that younger people are more likely to experiment with prescription drugs. Ten percent of Kentuckians ages 18-29 reported misusing a prescription pain reliever, compared to 6 percent of all adults, and 44 percent knew friends or family members who had problems because of prescription painkillers.

In the short term, overusing prescription pills can have a powerful impact on

"It decreases their central nervous system and basically it will slow their respiration down to the point where they're not able to maintain their own airway," LaRue said of some pills. "It drops your blood pressure if you've taken too much and it's just not enough oxygen and nutrients to the brain and the heart and the lungs, and it's ultimately causing

By 2008, drug overdoses in Kentucky had surpassed suicide and were a close second to motor vehicle accidents as the leading cause of accidental According to Ingram, overdoses have now surpassed motor vehicle crashes, too.

"It's a daily event. Daily there [is] at least one overdose call, whether it's accidental or purposeful," Nelson County Sheriff's Department Chaplain Doug Alexander said. "I've had senior citizens down to teenagers, older teens, that have been fatal."

During the year she was addicted to painkillers, Ashley came close to death

"It changes you. It changes your brain and you become someone you're not," she said. "That was

when I tried to commit suicide the first time. I had lost all my sense of self. And the second time is when I was to the point where I was tired of fighting. You know, you tell yourself you can control it or that you can handle it or that your life isn't unmanageable. And [then] you finally realize it is totally unmanageable and you hit bottom. That was my second attempt, but thank God for unanswered prayers."

Ashley's desire for the drug had become overwhelming, and that's when she took a step that law enforcement officers say is common among addicts: she considered committing another crime to support her

"All this went on for a little over a year and then it came to the point where I couldn't get up out of bed without having my drugs. It was hard for me to function. There for about a year I could function as an addict, but there after a year I couldn't function without the drugs," Ashley remembered.

"Then one day I didn't have any medicine. I just took off out of my driveway and I stopped at the first house down a road that it seemed like there was nobody at home. So I thought, I'm going to go in this house and see if it's unlocked and see if they had any prescription drugs. ... I went to look in the window and there was somebody

there, and they called the sheriff and, of course, I was arrested."

Ashley told the officer she was looking for drugs, so he reviewed her records. He discovered she'd been doctor-shopping for pills. Ashley was charged with attempted burglary and 10 counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud.

In Nelson Circuit Court, Ashley came before Judge Charles Simms, who sentenced her to 30 days in a rehabilitation facility and Drug Court. She started down a path of soul-searching and recovery at the end of which a drug-free life and a loving family were wait-





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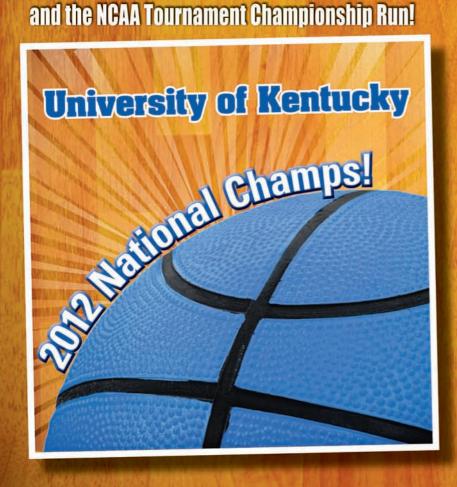
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>>Opinion

EDITORIAL

Solutions for saving Anatok are running slim

Time is clearly running out on preserving Anatok. The 165-year-old mansion continues to deteriorate while options to save the antebellum home narrow and disappear.

Like so many other historical homes here, Anatok has become an inconvenience and a problem and unless a large pot of money suddenly becomes available we can expect to see the structure dismantled. It is in the wrong place and while moving the building is technically doable it is also outlandishly expensive.

Bethlehem High school wants the land under the house for future expansion of its campus. It does not want the building. The school's mission is all about education, not preservation and while there are organizations in the state that do help fund worthy preservation projects most have very few real dollars to spend on salvaging buildings no matter how worthy.

The school was given the property in a package deal that included the old Flaget Hospital doctors building by the Archdiocese of Louisville when Flaget Hospital moved to new quarters on KY 245. While we believe the school has acted in good faith to find a solution about what do with Anatok, a cynic would say the Archdiocese simply handed off a white elephant without seriously considering the consequences of its action.

Historic preservation is not an alien concept for the Archdiocese. Locally, Flaget Hall is a good example of how a deteriorating historic building can be saved and recycled. The Archdiocese has also sold off unneeded or unwanted property in the past including large parts of the old St. Joe Prep campus to the City of Bardstown, the old hospital site to the Nelson County Library Board and even St. Mark's Church on KY 49 to a private buyer after the facility was closed.

Meanwhile local preservationists are becoming increasingly frustrated as more doors close and pressure mounts to find a solution or get out of the way. Back in the early '60s when development of one type or another was eating up antebellum houses in Bardstown left and right a counter movement briefly came together spearheaded by the Jaycees. After legal challenges and petition drives failed to stem the tide of "urban renewal" there have been a scant few victories. Most notably, the saving of Wickland, an estate sitting on enough property to protect it from encroachment.

Sadly, Anatok does not have the acres that might serve as a buffer zone. The preservationists remain as passionate today as those from five decades earlier but like those Jaycees of old they are running out of viable alternatives.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's move very carefully

I recently read that some of our animal co-residents on Earth have wisdom that the rest of us might heed. Specifically, butterflies huddle together because there is better protection that way, and young rabbits likewise huddle because there is greater warmth for

I am struck by the developing tension in our human community — where we seem to be pulling apart. I hear that especially in the rising volume about our national budget deficit and debt as well as proposals from some of our candidates for national office. On what are we humans basing this movement of ours?

While I join in thanking U.S. Representative and fellow Catholic Paul Ryan as chair of the U.S. House **Budget Committee for** putting a challenging budget proposal on paper, I develop major concerns with it. Budgets, whatever their specifics, are always statements of our values and priorities as we move forward into the future as a

As I understand this Budget Committee proposal, in order to address our national annual deficit and



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accumulating debt, this proposal would:

•drastically cut back on health care and food assistance:

•almost eliminate education, housing, public health funding as well as for the environment and consumer protection;

•have very little left for transit, research and other means of fostering economic growth:

•provide growth in milary spending;

•increase tax cuts for our richest Americans.

Now all this would be on top of Kentucky's compounding 2-year budget cuts that have now been approved by both Kentucky General Assembly chambers and

Governor Beshear.

Of course this raises all sorts of questions.

What are the consequences of all this scissor work national and state? Who will make it through all right? Be increasingly squeezed? Really hurt? What about our children?

In which direction is income and wealth moving? How will our people fare who are poor (no matter how hard they work or look for a job), hungry, homeless? What is this doing to the extraordinary gap between our very rich people and mega businesses — and everyone else? What does this do for our society's health and well being?

What exactly are our assumptions about what society "owes" our businesses and people who are exceedingly well off? How did their wealth and income growth develop through the years? How has society all the rest of us — contributed to their economic situation? Any paybacks

Further, does this proposal undo the law passed some seven months ago?

How does all this match up with our professed faith community teaching which demands we protect persons who are poor and vulnerable, that we must preserve the lives and dignity of everyone? This, after all, is the ultimate measure of the well-being of any society.

Is this a continuing effort to dismantle our entitlement programs saying that our demographic profile has changed so much and we cannot afford to keep them going as is? Senator Rand Paul pointed to this in his March 19 town meeting at St Catharine College. Is dismantling by privatizing them the only way to adjust? Does dismantling them remove group protection and warmth?

If our current healthcare law, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, is undone, what will happen to healthcare costs in the coming year — which costs are major drivers of our debt? Is it accurate that the **Budget Committee proposal** makes half of its cuts from health-care related programs? Or is that another device for dismantling entitlements? What would all that mean for all of us?

Would butterflies and rabbits act in the spirit of this House Budget Committee

We all can make a difference

I can't say that I've done a lot of charity work in my life. Sure, I've had countless hours of service hours, but nothing along the lines of directly giving back to and serving the community. During the past weekend, I went with my friend to work at a yard sale that benefitted the Crusade for Children. My friend is a member of 4-H, which plays a big role every year in having events that support and raise money for this good cause. The Crusade for Children is a foundation that helps raise money for children with special needs, and with each donation, 100 percent of it goes to the very children who need it. Besides that, the money also goes to children's hospitals, agencies and schools.

What I expected certainly wasn't what the outcome was. I expected a pretty normal yard sale, nothing too special or really popular, and I expected that we would raise a decent amount of



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money for the children. One of the things that I noticed was how many things people had donated for the yard sale. They were really nice things, and I think that played a part in the outcome of the sale. But the most inspiring thing that happened while I was there was how many people showed up and bought from it. Even people who didn't find anything that they liked from the sale gave a donation. Almost every person who walked out put any extra cash or change into the Crusade for Children donation bucket.

During the yard sale, we raised more than \$700 for Crusade for Children. It was a pleasant surprise to me how much people in this town cared enough to donate and help children in need and children in the community. It was amazing seeing that even the small

donations added up. The phrase "we all can make a difference" can sometimes be a little cliché when talking about charity work or donating, but it's the plain truth. For those children, all of the money raised helped make a difference for them in their lives, and that's what the Crusade is about. Donating and supporting a good cause is rewarding, as is donating your time to work it. The whole day I spent at the yard sale was long and tiring, but the feeling was so rewarding. I'm sure earlier that day I would have rather done something else like go to the

movies or shopping, but I'm heartily glad that I chose to work the yard sale. It showed me how much people care about helping each other, and especially giving to causes that they know will benefit those around them.

That's one of the things that I've noticed about Bardstown. My experience is that everyone treats each other with respect and is willing to help each other. I really saw that aspect during this past weekend, and it's refreshing to see. People my age might not choose to do charity work or service to the community unless school or extracurricular activities require it, but the feeling of knowing that you made a difference by helping someone or putting forth an effort to help make your community be a better place doesn't only benefit everyone else, but it indirectly benefits you, too, in the long run.

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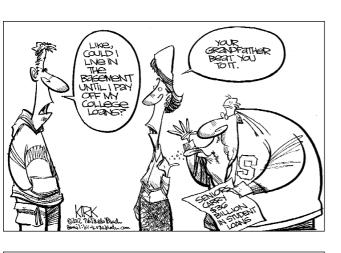
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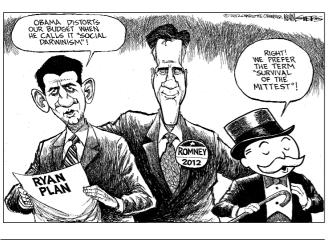
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Thanks to United Way of Nelson County

To the editor:

I want to thank United Way for its support to Team Up! Family Resource & Youth Services Center (formerly Nelson County FRYSC). The center serves the children and families who attend Foster Heights and Cox's Creek Elementary Schools and Old Kentucky Home Middle School. With the three schools combined. there are about 1,600 students.

with the economy, we have had an increase in families seeking assistance with school clothing, school supplies, food, shelter, mental health issues, and much more. Our job is referring these families to community resources to get the help they need. We collaborate with community agencies to make sure we are doing everything possible for our students and families because we know the problems that exist within the home can become barriers to learning.

During the past two years

When a child is hungry or worried about losing their home their ability to concentrate is compromised. When a child only has one or two shirts to wear, pants that may not fit, and shoes that are worn out, that also creates a barrier to learning because their self-esteem suffers. United Way helps in making a difference in reducing or eliminating these barriers. We are thankful for its continued support to our center, and for making a difference in the lives of so many.

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Thanks for United Way support

To the editor:

We want to take thank United Way of Nelson County for its continued support of our work at The New Hope Food Bank. This year it awarded us \$12,500 toward assisting those in our county who are less fortunate and in need of a helping hand. That being said, we won-

der if citizens are aware of how much good this establishment really does in Nelson County and how many charitable organizations like our own they support so that much needed services will be available to those who need it most. They do not choose lightly which organizations they are going to partner with for the good of the county. Rather, there is a process of picking and choosing what will be best in order to cover as many needs as is possible.

Due to the continued economic decline in which all of us find ourselves, we know that this year the donations they received have been greatly reduced. Taking that into consideration, United Way was still able to continue to cover these services by reducing the amount of the awards given. It was a tremendous task and committee members should be commended

for all their hard work. Again, we thank the United Way for choosing us for an award again this year. We are eternally grateful. And our hope is that others will show their appreciation of the United Way by sending in a generous donation.

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Meltdown with Keith Olbermann

for the marriage between Keith Olbermann and Al Gore to end: in acrimony and, very likely, in court.

Olbermann, the former ESPN, Fox Sports Net and MSNBC (twice) anchor, is now a former Current TV anchor. He is to anchoring gigs what Zsa Zsa Gabor is to marriage. The left-wing commentator joined the network started by the leftwing former vice president in an arrangement that both conceived of as a way to stick it to The Man, particularly The Man who runs The Corporate Media. Olbermann gushed upon

his hiring that Current would offer "news that is produced independently of corporate interference," in a "model truth-seeking entity." Gore bragged about his network's ability to give Olbermann an "independent platform and freedom." It turns out that both might have benefited from the discipline of a harsh corporate overlord, since Olbermann didn't always show up for work and Gore couldn't keep the lights on in Olbermann's

First as tragedy, then as farce doesn't quite capture the history of Olbermann's serial dismissals and poisonous exits. It's farce over



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and over again. If Olbermann were to join Wayne and Garth as a cohost of "Wayne's World" on the local public-access channel in Aurora, Ill., it wouldn't be long before Olbermann denounced Wayne's taste in heavy metal, complained about Garth's inordinate airtime and quit to start his own show with the public-access channel up the road in DeKalb. Olbermann is the ter-

magant of the left, whose on-air biliousness is apparently not an act. He gives limousine liberals a bad name, since the stereotypical representative of the breed is at least satisfied with his car and his driver. According to published reports, Olbermann kept complaining about the car services contracted to ferry

him to work to issue populist jeremiads in favor of Occupy Wall Street.

Olbermann had a contract for \$50 million over five years, a confirmation of the axiom that no matter how much someone derides corporate greed, he wants to make as much money as possible, ideally for as little effort as possible. Current had trouble getting Olbermann to show up to do coverage on election nights despite his status as the network's "chief news officer."

Although that was a little like being designated a rear admiral in the Swiss navy. Calling Current TV a network is an insult to networks that people know how to find on their TVs. Current could broadcast the Super Bowl and it would be halftime before people could track it down with their remotes — if, that is, their cable systems carried it at all.

Olbermann must have thought that he was Edward R. Murrow — the legendary CBS newsman whose signature sign-off he aped — trapped in the body of a local newscaster in a very minor media market. He had a million viewers at MSNBC. At Current, he had 100,000 in the key 25to-54 demographic last

summer, before dwindling to 30,000, according to The Daily Beast. He probably could have reached as many people standing on a soapbox at Times Square on any given night, without having to sweat Current's amateurish production

Now it's all over but the litigation and revenge: Current fired Olbermann, and Olbermann is ready to sue Current and expose Al Gore's alleged outrages against decency. It's hard to see what Gore did to deserve the storm of toxicity Olbermann is about to bring down on his head. Except, of course, he did hire Keith Olbermann. The ill-fated adventure

was always misconceived. Corporate media doesn't need to be countered by the likes of Current. The big, bad corporations give us the entire monochromatic media gamut, from the thinly disguised biases of the broadcast networks to the nightly progressive ululating on MSNBC. Current isn't a breakthrough, it's a redundancy. And now it has the same angry former anchor as corporate-owned MSNBC. Good night and good luck.

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Handicapping Romney's potential running mates

Playing second fiddle to Mitt Romney won't be easy, but somebody has to be his running mate. Let's handicap the field:

• Florida Sen. Marco Rubio: The choice who offers the biggest potential reward — for the biggest risk.

The telegenic young Cuban American could potentially shore up three of the Romney campaign's weaknesses: He is an unambiguous conservative, elected with Tea Party backing, who would temper Romney's "Massachusetts moderate" image among the disgruntled GOP base. Rubio's groundbreaking candidacy could lure back some of the Hispanic voters driven away by Republican policies. And he happens to come from a huge swing state that Romney has to win to have a chance at the White House.

But Rubio would be a roll of the dice. How would he perform under the microscopic scrutiny that any candidate for national office must endure? Pitted against Vice President Biden in a debate, would he seem callow and uninformed? Rubio could brighten Romney's prospects, but there's also a chance he could dim them considerably.

• Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan: A safer choice, yet one that would restrict Romney's freedom to maneuver during the

campaign. Romney and Ryan have campaigned together this week, in what looked like



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Ryan's audition for the supporting-actor role, and there is an obvious rapport between them. Remarkably, it turns out that Ryan is even less charismatic on the stump than Romney meaning there's no danger that Romney would be overshadowed.

But Ryan is the author of the House Republican budget, a document that has become the main target of President Obama's reelection campaign. Romney might figure that, having said nice things about the Ryan budget, he effectively owns it anyway. But there's a difference between owning the thing and chaining yourself to its

creator. • New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie: A potential gamechanger who could save the ticket or doom it - either way, spectacularly.

I think of Christie as the "fasten your seat belts" choice. He has credibility as a conservative Republican, yet manages to survive in a state where appealing to independents is crucial. And

no other potential vice presidential candidate would fill the traditional "attack dog" role with more gusto. But Jersey-style bombast

wouldn't necessarily play well in many parts of the country — the places where people are, you know, polite and Christie has a tendency to get carried away. One ill-timed eruption of invective could do fatal damage to the ticket's chances. And even if kept on a tight leash, Christie would be at pains to avoid drawing more attention to himself than to Romney.

 Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal: Plausible ... but

Romney has survived the rimary campaign by declaring himself to be an ideologically pure conservative, but nothing in his history suggests this is actually the case. He's a dedicated believer in the free market, without question. Beyond that, however, he's basically a technocrat who lets data, not ideology, lead him to solutions — as with the health-insurance mandate he instituted in Massachu-

So why would he choose another data-driven technocrat as his running mate? Jindal would bring neither charisma nor the electoral votes of a swing state to the ticket.

• Virginia Gov. Bob Mc-Donnell: Looked much better a few months ago.

McDonnell has it all he's the moderate, goodlooking governor of a key swing state. At least, that

was his image before he placed himself on the front lines of what Democrats call the GOP's "war on women." In February, Mc-Donnell supported state legislation that would have defined a fetus as a person and required women to submit to an intrusive vaginal ultrasound exam before having an abortion.

The "personhood" bill failed in the Virginia Senate, and McDonnell ended up supporting — and signing into law — a measure that mandates an ultrasound before abortion but allows women to opt for a non-intrusive procedure. But with female voters deserting the party in droves, would Romney want to ensure that the words "war on women" are on every Democrat's lips until Election Day?

• Ohio Sen. Rob Portman, Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, South Dakota Sen. John Thune, former Minnesota governor Tim Pawlenty: Safe, safe, safe, safe. Not much excitement here, which may be the way Romney wants it. Maybe a slight edge to Portman because he's from Ohio, another of those

must-win swing states. • South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley: Given her talent for controversy, I'm begging on behalf of columnists everywhere, Mr. Romney. Please. Make our

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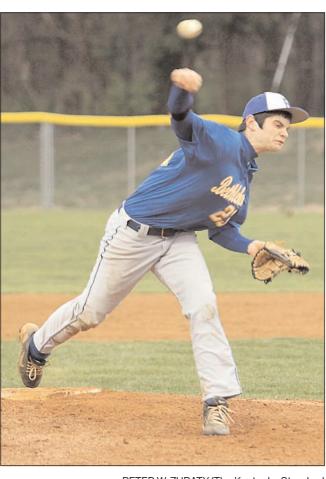
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>> Sports

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Senior Andrew Clark pairs up with classmate Brandon Ray to give Bethlehem a formidable righty-lefty combination at the top of the Eagle starting rotation. Bethlehem's game Saturday against Adair County came after press time for this edition of The Kentucky Standard.

Veteran Eagles gunning for a 19th District title

Bethlehem pitching staff has 1-2 senior punch

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Veteran arms are usually a key to success in baseball, and Bethlehem has the veterans to build upon.

'We're real pleased with the group we have coming back," Bethlehem coach Roger Robinson said. "We have our entire pitching staff back, and that includes some senior pitchers."

Leading the charge for the Eagles are left-hander Brandon Ray and right-hander Andrew Clark, who anchor an experienced staff and give Robinson a formidable 1-2 punch at the top of the rotation.

"Both guys are looking forward to having a nice season," Robinson said. "They've worked hard in the off-season, and both are being recruited by small colleges right now, and hope to improve their status at playing at the next level this season." Robinson said having

veteran depth at a small school such as Bethlehem is a plus, and something the program has worked hard toward developing in recent "Depth is crucial, espe-

cially with the type of schedule that we have lined up to play this year," he said. "We've really raised the level of competition this year."

The Eagles are 6-7 thus far on the young season against a challenging schedule. Five of their losses are

by two runs or less, and the team has a 4-1 win over district rival Nelson County already in its back pocket.

Robinson has more than 30 players out for baseball this season, a first-ever for the program.

"It's the first time I've really had such competition for starting positions," Robinson said.

Outfielder Connor Ballard and infielder Jacob Browning occupy the top two spots in the batting order, while Ray, corner infielders Josh Koontz and Brooks Duncan, and outfielder Collin Crawford provide pop in the middle of the order. Clark, who plays outfield and infield when not on the mound, has also shown himself handy with the bat.

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>> SCORES AND **SCHEDULE**

Scores Baseball

Monday Marion Co. 6. Bethlehem 4

Disney 2012 Spring Break Nelson Co. 7, Marshfield, Wisc. 5

Tuesday LaRue Co. 4, Bethlehem 3

Disney 2012 Spring Break

Nelson Co. v. TBA

Disney 2012 Spring Break St. Vincent, Pa. 6, Nelson Co. 3

Thursday

Tampa Bay Spring Training Classic

Southwestern 11, Bardstown 1 Disney 2012 Spring Break

Saturday Adair Co. at Bethlehem

Nelson Co. v. TBA

Tampa Bay Spring Training Classic Bardstown v. Yorktown, NY

Disney 2012 Spring Break Nelson Co. v. TBA

Softball Monday

Fairdale 7. Bardstown 1

Tuesday Bardstown 17, Western 4

Thursday Eminence 13. Bardstown 2

Schedule

Baseball Monday

Nelson Co. at Fairdale

Tampa Bay Spring Training Classic Bardstown v. Pendleton, Fla.

Tuesday Woodford Co. at Nelson Co.

Tampa Bay Spring Training Classic Bardstown v. Bay Port, Wisc.

Friday Nelson Co. at Moore

5th Region All A Classic Bardstown v. Washington Co.

Softball

Eminence at Bethlehem Washington Co. at Nelson Co.

Thursday Bethlehem at Tates Creek Nelson Co. at Taylor Co.

Tennis Tuesday

Bethlehem at Nelson Co. Campbellsville at Bardstown

Thursday Campbellsville at Nelson Co. Bardstown at Taylor Co.

Track and Field



Madeline Meredith, 7-year-old daughter of Andy and Whitney Meredith, made an outstanding showing at the 2012 8-and-under Short Course Swim State Championship March 24-25 at the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center in Louisville. She brought home the silver medal in the 50-yard backstroke out of 123 girls; a silver medal in the 50-yard freestyle out of 136 competitors; bronze medal in the 50-yard fly out of 104 girls; fourth place in the 100-yard freestyle; and fourth place in the 100-yard individual medley. She was the only 7-year-old who received medals in all of these events. She swims for the E'town Dolphins and is a secondgrader at St. Joseph Elementary School in Bardstown.

Foster Heights Blue 5th grade boys were the Division 2 season champs.

Members of the team include (front row) Trevor Reid, Keaton Cambron,

Dalton Mills, Josh Cain, Garrett Miles, Mason Stormm and Zach Parrish.

Justin Gagne, Levi Greenwell, Cody Doig, Brendan Wright (back row)

The team was coached by Mike Doig and Scott Gagne.

COMMUNITY SPORTS



TOM DEKLE/Nelson County Schools

OKHMS principal Dr. Jennifer Miller threw out the ceremonial first pitch of the middle school baseball season March 13 at Nelson County High School. Also pictured is Hoover Hockensmith.



The Foster Heights fifth grade girls won first place in the A bracket and won the regular season championship, going undefeated. Players included Madison McClain, Kyona Hamilton, Erica Hawkins, Malorie Letner, Andrea Smith, Kaleigh Brockman, Macy Karnes, Valerie Cambron, Lyndsey Vittitoe, Hannah Butler, Katelyn Sweeney, Adrienne Short, and Andrea Curtsinger. The coaches were Joni Masterson and Richard Masterson.



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though it was cut short just 11 games into it. He seems to have picked up where he left off, playing a key role with two hits and a scored in Thursday's Opening Day win. He's more of a key to the Reds' success than you might think a 26-year-old rookie could be. Another

who also had a strong debut

that super-duper breakout season Reds fans have been waiting patiently for. Don't rule him out as an MVP candidate this season. The pitching figures to be solid

for the Reds, even with injuries to Madson and Nick Masset. Johnny Cueto's starting debut was outstanding, as his delivery more and more resembles the great Luis Tiant's. There's depth behind him, too.

With Madson gone for the year and Masset's return uncertain, for now folks will have to settle for an inning here and there by flamethrower Aroldis Chapman.

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>> SPORTS NOTES

The city of New Haven is taking signups for the 2012 Summer Recreation Ball Leagues. Pick up a form at the City Hall. Ages 3-12 are eligible to participate. The deadline is May 1. Call 549-3177 with questions.

Lady Cards Basketball Camp

Nelson County girls' basketball is hosting a camp Monday-Thursday for players in grades 3-9. Cost is \$50 if you pre-register or \$60 walkup. Times are 8:30-11 a.m. Campers will work on fundamentals such as shooting, dribbling and footwork. Call 349-7010 or 510-3800 with questions.

Soccer clinics

Martin Bodkin, Bardstown girls' soccer coach and National "C" and youth licensed coach, will conduct a five-day soccer clinic for soccer players aged 8-14 years old. The clinic will be focused on improving both the fundamental skills, increasing technical ability and will feature small-sided games. Spaces will be limited. The clinic run 9:30 a.m. noon Monday-Friday. For more information, call (502) 460-3573.

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It's a little different this year for Reds fans, if you haven't noticed. The Cincinnati Reds have been one of the more active teams in Major League Baseball since the end of last season, wheeling and dealing their way toward introducing several new faces to the fans in the hopes of recapturing the National League's Central Division crown after last year's letdown season following their 2010 division If there was ever a time to make a

RIVER RAT

move, given how the rest of the division has been hit hard by free agency, this is it.

Keep your program handy,

you a while to get used to newcomers such as starting pitcher Mat Latos and Sean reliever Marshall, as well as outfielder Ryan Ludwick. We didn't even get a chance to get to know new closer Ryan Madson when an elbow injury shelved him before he ever threw his first regular-sea-

though, as it may take

son pitch. Shortstop Zack Cozart's 2011 season was encouraging, even Thursday, and may be on the cusp of

key is Jay Bruce,

>> River

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I'm still hoping we see him Bardstown Tiger as a starter sooner rather than later, given the money tied up in his contract.

Speaking of contracts, that's been a big topic around the Reds this week. Joey Votto signed the largest one in club history early last week, an end-loaded, 10vear, \$225 million deal that raises lots of eyebrows, mine included. I'm still not sure what to think about it, given the economics at play for a small market team such as the Reds. But I do like the idea of not having to worry about him getting scooped up on the open market by the Yankees or BoSox.

From early indicators it won't hurt the quest to resign second baseman Brandon Phillips — also one of the best in the game — either, according to club officials. Reports are they're working out the details for a 5-year deal in the \$60+ million neighborhood, hopefully sometime this week.

Sure, it's a lot of money to tie up with just a few players, but I like the aggressiveness club officials have shown in making a payroll push while the Reds have a very promising window open to them.

The nucleus is in place for these next few years to be quite special for Reds fans. Here's hoping it doesn't backfire the way the Ken Griffey Jr. deal — a deal I was very excited about at the time of his return to Cincinnati — did.

NCAA Bracket Challenge

Congratulations Matthew Fogle, winner of this year's Zubaty and Crew Week Bracket Sports Challenge and a prized Tshirt. His 139 points edged out his father, Kenny, for first place.

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>> Eagles

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Blake Brangers does the catching, and others in the mix for playing time include Zac Smith, Thomas Osborne, John Riney and Cole Ballard, among others.

Ballard, a junior, said a mild winter has helped the team be well-prepared for this season.

"It's been very valuable," he said. "This winter's been warm and we've been outside most every day" for practice.

Ballard said the team's defense and leadership figure to be the key to success.

"We've got real good defense coming back," junior Cole Ballard said. "Senior leadership's really good this year."

Riney, Smith and Connor Ballard also will get opportunities to pitch.

"We've got a lot of players returning," Robinson said. "I think we'll be solid. We'll play good defense and get good pitching. We'll just have to find ways to score runs.'

New restrictions this year on bats has depressed scoring from recent years, putting a premium on strategy, something Robinson enjoys.

"I think it will certainly bring a lot more entertainment into the game," he said. 'You have to be able to run, you have to be able to bunt, you have to be able to move runners.'

The Eagles were in action Saturday after press time against Adair County before heading to Florida for spring break games.

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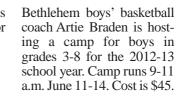
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Basketball Camp

Bardstown boys' basketball coach James "Boo" Brewer is hosting a camp for boys and girls in grades 2-9 for the 2012-13 school year in June. Cost is \$65 for early registration. Camp is 9 a.m. -

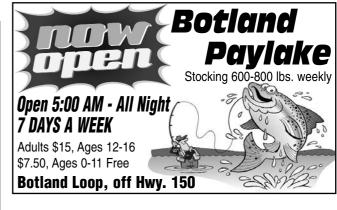
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Bethlehem Eagles Basketball Camp



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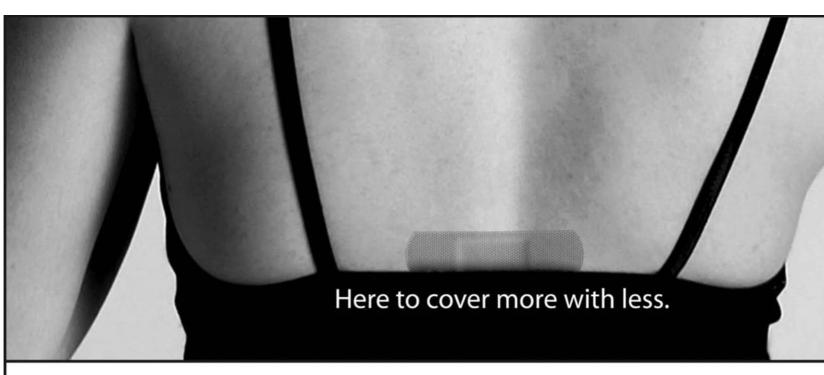
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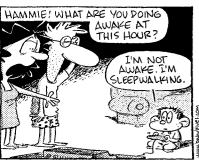


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DEAR ABBY: My husband served in Vietnam and proudly wears a Vietnam veteran insignia on his jacket or cap everywhere he goes. People approach him all the time and thank him for his service, which is wonderful. The big question is, how should he respond? He isn't quite sure what to say back to them -'You're welcome"? "It

was my honor to



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serve"? "Thank you for caring"? I'm not sure of the right response, either. So I told my husband I'd ask you. What's the proper thing to say when someone is kind enough to take a minute and say thanks?

VET'S WIFE IN PHOENIX

DEAR VET'S WIFE: I'm sure being thanked for his service in Vietnam is music to your husband's ears. When members of the military returned from Vietnam, many of them were treated with hostility. A proper response when someone thanks him for his service would be any of those you offered, or a simple, "Thanks for saying that. I appreciate it."

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have dear friends who live in another

the past because I know we would use utilities and it would be of some expense to them. They are insistent that they will

We would love to spend some time there. Is there anything we could do to show our appreciation without paying

APPRECIATIVE, BUT ... **DEAR APPRECIATIVE: Yes.** After spending time in their vacation home, write a letter thanking them and describing the experience. Consider sending them an album of photographs you took during your vacation there, or buy a gift for their vacation home. That way you will have repaid them without "paying" them.

DEAR ABBY: My little sister is almost 12. She has been having a lot of behavior problems. I thought it was the stupid videos she watches that made her act like that, but she's getting

One night, her mood was terrible and I noticed she was texting. So while she slept I took her cellphone and started reading the messages. Her texts were about her being a skank, drunk, sexually active, depressed, cutting herself and moving away soon. No one in the family knows or would ever

I feel the right thing to do is to tell our parents, but I don't want to make the situation worse. Her behavior and attitude stress us out, and her "friends" are the wrong crowd for her. I know it was bad for me to invade her privacy, but something needs to be done. What can I do? SISTER WHO CARES

IN TEXAS

DEAR CARING SISTER: Tell your parents what you have learned. Your sister's behavior problems and angry or depressed mood must have been noticed by them as well as you. Ask them not to reveal that you looked at the messages, but to insist on some answers from her until they get to the bottom of what's happening. If even half of what your sister is writing and receiving is true, she is headed for serious trouble and is overdue for an intervention.

TO $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{Y}$ **CHRISTIAN READERS: Happy Easter, one and**

>> HOROSCOPES

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Realign your thinking, and agreement between you and another person becomes possible. Do not underestimate your competitiveness. Sometimes others have difficulty dealing with this trait. Know when not to vie for first place. Tonight: Out for dinner. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You are strong-willed, like a Bull. Others might figuratively put their hands on their hips as they try to get away from this mindset. See the humor in this situation, and flex. You and everyone else will have a better time as a result. Tonight: Go along for the ride.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** You see a power play, the manipulation and the end results. Your judgment might be a bit strong. At the present point, say little, but feel free to derail the games that others seem to be playing. Tonight: Think "now," not "tomorrow." CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You cannot explain your fondness for life. You seem almost childlike, as you look at a flower, a loved one or whatever is in front of you. Many people admire this ability to look at an object or person as if it were the first time. Tonight: Early to bed. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★

Stay settled, and do not get into the fray. Be direct with a friend you see every day. He or she may want this feedback. Once you clear up this matter, you'll note a new levity between the two of you. Tonight: Home will be your palace. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might not want to admit that how you phrase a wish could determine whether it will be granted. Others might be into their control games. Go off and find someone who is not dependent on the need to have power. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) $\star\star\star$ Be aware of the costs of heading in a certain direction. You could find a family member vested in doing his or her thing. Try to help this person lighten up. Go off together and create what you both determine to be a good time. Tonight: Indulge a little.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You work well with someone's challenges. You are not threatened by this person. You'll find that communication is flowing. Others let you know how much they appreciate you. Tonight: Your personality reveals many options.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) $\star\star\star$ Take time just for you, especially if you haven't recently. A close friend wants you to join him or her. Be flattered by this person's manipulation, and say "yes." Taking a much-needed break is important in order to function at the level you want. Tonight: Out to dinner with a special person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) $\star\star\star\star\star$ If you opt to go to a ballgame, you can run, cheer and boo. Either way, you'll let go of a lot of tension. Choose a stressbuster that allows you to hang with favorite friends or loved ones. Tonight: Fun follows you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ While others gleefully get into their Sunday, you'll go off to handle a responsibility. The real question is: Can you infuse some lightness and humor into this situation? Share this predicament with someone who helps you laugh. Tonight: View old movies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information or a different perspective. You might have a very unique style of opening up to a new vision. Some of you might hop in your car for a drive. Others might put on music or go for a walk. Tonight: Accept an invitation to a different type of place.

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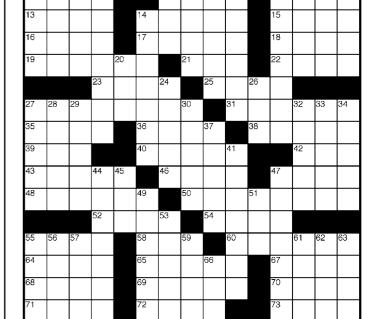
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Few could match the path taken by Darleene Wimsett, who this year completed an 18-year labor of love and dedication to her favorite team. the Kentucky Wildcats.

"I never dreamt it was going to take me this many years," said Wimsett, who since 1994 has been working on a 9x9-foot quilt honoring the history of University of Kentucky men's basketball, hand-stitching the names and dates of the dozens of past Wildcats to don the uniform, as well as their coaches, since 1903.

"I never thought I would

have something this great a magnitude," she said when discussing the time invested in the project, tens of thousands of hours spent constructing the colorful Wildcat graphics that serve to draw the eyes into the quilt and the names of past players, which read like a trip down memory lane for basketball fans who are historically inclined. They're all on there, from obscure names such as Chris Gettlefinger and Todd Zeigler to stars such as Pat Riley and Anthony Davis. She's even been able to track down a few Wildcat notables for personal autographs, including current coach John Calipari, meetings that have been big thrills for

"Everybody has just been overwhelmed when they see it," she said. "I really, honestly don't know what got me to do this."

Wimsett, 61, is a Bardstown resident who hails from a small Ohio River hamlet in Henderson County called Scuffletown Bottoms. Although she's never had the pleasure of attending a game, she is True Blue through and through, right down to her fingers.

"I've had blue nail-polish so long, when I went to take it off, my fingernails were still blue," she said.

The quilt's genesis came



Bardstown's Darleene Wimsett shows off the fruit of 18 years of dedication in her 9x9-foot quilt featuring the hand-stitched names of every University of Kentucky coach and player since 1903. Last week, during Kentucky's win in the NCAA Championship game over Kansas, the quilt went up for auction on the Internet site eBay.

about when she and some of her fellow co-workers in the lunchroom at Bardstown City Schools were taking a break and got to talking about making a quilt for a local show. Wimsett found her centerpiece in the form of a map of Kentucky she spotted at her other job at the Nelson County Jail, where she works part-time. Over time, she added other images to help personalize the quilt, such as handembroidered Wildcat mascot logos, as well as uniforms and shoes featuring names and numbers of some of her favorite players.

The process was painstaking, she said. Wimsett would regularly work on the quilt for hours daily — often well past midnight — at times to the neglect of her family, she confesses.

Each name and date takes about 45 minutes to complete, she said, a process complicated over time by her failing eyesight, carpal tunnel in her wrist, and a stitching thumb that just doesn't work like it used to since part of the end was lopped off years ago in an

unfortunate run-in with a meat slicer.

"I loved every minute of it," Wimsett said. "It's just from the heart."

Scott Padgett — whose signature also adorns the quilt — is Wimsett's all-time favorite player. Fittingly, his name was the first to be stitched onto the quilt. Michael Kidd-Gilchrist one of the stars of this year's championship-winning Wildcats, was the last. Putting an end to a project that can go on forever wasn't easy, but a special season such as the one just completed seemed like as good a time as any, she said.

The next phase of the quilt's life is at hand. After several years of seeking out legal permission to sell the quilt, the University of Kentucky agreed to allow it.

During Monday's NCAA title game, Wimsett posted the quilt on the Internet auction site eBay with a hefty opening bid of \$150,000, a figure she came up with after estimating the time she's put into the quilt. As of Saturday, no bids had been placed on the quilt, but nearly 4,000 people had viewed the auction page. Wimsett knows it might take some time to find the right buyer for a one-of-a-kind item such as the quilt.

"If I can't get what I want out of it, I'll just keep it," she said. "I hope whoever does buy it puts it up somewhere and displays it."

She confessed strange feeling to have her creation out there in cyberspace for all to see. Overall, however, it's been an exciting process from start to finish, including Thursday when a reporter from ESPN contacted her about the quilt, conducting a half-hour inter-

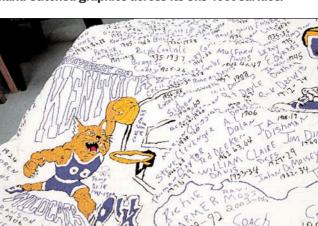
Wimsett isn't sure what she'll do with the spare time she'll have now that she's no longer working on the quilt, but it's a safe bet she'll still be glued to the TV set for every Kentucky game next season as the Wildcats seek to defend their eighth NCAA title.

"I heard on TV that Ashley Judd was the biggest Kentucky fan," she said with a smile. "I don't agree with



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Darleene Wimsett's Kentucky Wildcats quilt features hand-embroidered names and dates for all former players and coaches, as well as several autographs and numerous hand-stitched graphics across its 9x9-foot surface.





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Kentucky coach John Calipari, right, puts his signature on a T-shirt for Wildcat fan Darleene Wimsett, left. Calipari also autographed Wimsett's UK quilt, an 18-year labor of love that features the hand-stitched names of every Kentucky player and coach since



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